

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

FY 2022 Proviso 117.69 Report – IMD Operations

117.69. *(GP: IMD Operations) The Department of Health and Human Services shall produce an annual report on Medicaid-funded out-of-home placements and associated expenditures which shall be provided to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor no later than November first each year.*

Changes to Authorization Process and Agency Match Responsibilities

On July 1, 2014, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) amended the referral process for community and facility-based behavioral health services. The requirement that child-serving state agencies be the sole referral source for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) admissions was removed. The agency Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) continued to prior authorize the admissions. When the state agency involvement requirement was eliminated, SCDHHS assumed financial responsibility for covering the state's share of these Medicaid-covered services. As a result, the corresponding services that had previously been financed by other agencies using the Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) transition funds are now covered by SCDHHS and are reported here accordingly.

Changes in Utilization and Treatment Venue

The number of unduplicated South Carolina Medicaid members placed in PRTFs decreased 2.3% from FY21 to FY22 (Table 1). This decrease could be a result of increased coordination of care since the benefit was added to managed care at the start of FY18. There was a 5.7% decrease from FY21 to FY22 in total number of patient visits (Table 1). There has been an increase of 17.2% in paid claims to PRTFs from FY21 to FY22 (Table 2). A contributor to this change may include the increase in daily reimbursement rates that went into effect on April 1, 2022. At that time, the daily per diem rate went up to \$500/ day. The \$500/day per diem increase was instituted to increase access to in-state PRTF beds. A significant portion of state bed capacity was being utilized by higher paying out of state patients.

The number of unique South Carolina Medicaid members admitted to acute psychiatric hospitals differs significantly between public and private facilities. Since FY18, the number of members admitted to public acute psychiatric facilities have seen a bit of a saw-tooth pattern (Table 3). In FY18, 387 unique members were admitted to public acute psychiatric facilities. In FY19, there were a total of 470 members admitted, an increase of 21%. In FY20, the number dropped to 378 members, a decrease of 20%. In FY21, the number of unique members admitted to public acute psychiatric facilities dropped again from 378 to 298, a decrease of 21%. Acute psychiatric inpatient services were added to the managed care benefit on July 1, 2019, which likely is a driver in the most recent decrease. Claims paid to public acute inpatient psychiatric facilities decreased 31% from FY21 to FY22 (Table 4). It is difficult to ascertain the impact of COVID-19 on acute inpatient admissions as there is a stark difference between public and private admissions for FY21 and FY22 (Tables 3 and 5).

The number of South Carolina Medicaid members admitted to private acute psychiatric facilities has increased by 3.5% from FY21 to FY22. (Table 5). More notable is the increase from FY18 to FY22 which yielded a 183% increase. Claims paid to private acute psychiatric facilities from FY21 to FY22 went down by 1.2% (Table 6).

Data

The tables that follow provide additional detail on the numbers of members and claims for private and public PRTFs and inpatient psychiatric hospitals.

Table 1. PRTFs, Unduplicated Patients by Year

PRTF UNDUPLICATED PATIENT COUNT BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2018-2022					
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	*FY2022
Provider Name	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients
ABS LINC SC INC	134	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>
ALABAMA CLINICAL SCHOOLS, INC	0	0	1	1	3
AVALONIA GROUP HOMES INC	74	74	62	44	0
BROADSTEP ACADEMY- SOUTH CAROLINA INC	0	0	59	58	58
CHESTNUT HILL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC	2	0	23	28	11
EXCALIBUR YOUTH SERVICES, LLC.	42	28	39	71	118
GENERATIONS RESIDENTIAL PR	33	27	26	0	0
GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM	64	26	0	0	0
HARBOR POINT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER INC	0	0	0	1	1
HILLSIDE INC	1	1	1	1	0
KEYSTONE NEWPORT NEWS, LLC	0	0	0	3	3
LAUREL HEIGHTS HOSPITAL	0	0	3	4	3
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	5	0	0	0	0
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF AUGUSTA	48	71	82	60	40
NEW HOPE CAROLINAS	75	60	52	53	50
PALMETTO PEE DEE BH LLC	98	60	0	0	0
PALMETTO PINES BEHAVIORAL	0	139	157	127	124
PINEY RIDGE TREATMENT CENTER, LLC	0	0	1	1	1
PRISMA HEALTH MARSHALL I P	0	0	17	0	0
SCDMH	0	0	0	0	0
SP BEHAVIORAL LLC	0	0	0	5	12
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	2	2	9	17	11
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL CA	0	0	0	0	0
THREE RIVERS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT MIDLANDS CAMPUS, INC.	123	116	141	131	140
WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY SC INC	62	53	0	0	0
WINDWOOD FARM HOME FOR CHILDREN, INC.	29	30	37	32	26
YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERED	2	1	0	0	0
Total Unique Patients	741	619	629	569	556
Total Patient Visits	742	688	711	637	601
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2022</i>					
GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM closed CY20, PALMETTO PEE DEE BH LLC closed CY19, LIGHTHOUSE OF CONWAY closed CY17.					
WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY SC INC changed their name to BROADSTEP ACADEMY-SC INC					
NOTES: Patient Counts include Fee-for-Service and MCOs					

Table 2. PRTFs, Claims by Incurred Year

PRTF CLAIMS PAID BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2018-2022					
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	*FY2022
Provider Name	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid
ABS LINC SC INC	\$ 5,151,909.77	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>
ALABAMA CLINICAL SCHOOLS, INC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,971.95	\$ 6,722.10	\$ 185,163.30
AVALONIA GROUP HOMES INC	\$ 2,525,810.32	\$ 2,767,098.67	\$ 2,095,582.27	\$ 1,326,358.45	\$ -
BROADSTEP ACADEMY- SOUTH CAROLINA INC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,171,381.94	\$ 3,188,172.05	\$ 4,407,779.15
CHESTNUT HILL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC	\$ 49,405.02	\$ -	\$ 81,651.17	\$ 92,115.94	\$ 114,249.58
EXCALIBUR YOUTH SERVICES, LLC.	\$ 1,040,464.74	\$ 1,024,862.39	\$ 832,499.44	\$ 2,489,508.32	\$ 5,573,409.62
GENERATIONS RESIDENTIAL PR	\$ 1,772,915.28	\$ 1,553,654.34	\$ 834,091.86	\$ -	\$ -
GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM	\$ 916,308.84	\$ 805,134.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HARBOR POINT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER INC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,610.30	\$ 7,027.65
HILLSIDE INC	\$ 85,440.00	\$ 97,920.00	\$ 20,165.80	\$ 28,800.00	\$ -
KEYSTONE NEWPORT NEWS, LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,497.30	\$ 72,109.80
LAUREL HEIGHTS HOSPITAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,888.15	\$ 151,455.05	\$ 126,119.25
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	\$ 11,913.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF AUGUSTA	\$ 1,170,597.19	\$ 1,484,404.11	\$ 1,690,616.75	\$ 1,279,618.50	\$ 971,808.74
NEW HOPE CAROLINAS	\$ 2,782,424.16	\$ 1,925,427.18	\$ 1,817,584.30	\$ 2,040,309.49	\$ 1,909,914.10
PALMETTO PEE DEE BH LLC	\$ 3,946,085.66	\$ 2,612,529.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PALMETTO PINES BEHAVIORAL	\$ -	\$ 4,270,764.64	\$ 4,005,254.93	\$ 3,569,312.45	\$ 4,761,690.69
PINEY RIDGE TREATMENT CENTER, LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,090.00	\$ 15,000.00
PRISMA HEALTH MARSHALL I P	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258,180.41	\$ -	\$ -
SCDMH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SP BEHAVIORAL LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,581.05	\$ 384,006.15
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	\$ 84,026.25	\$ 75,470.85	\$ 190,663.20	\$ 835,068.15	\$ 222,440.40
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL CA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
THREE RIVERS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT MIDLANDS CAMPUS, INC.	\$ 3,922,187.64	\$ 4,174,065.25	\$ 3,488,929.06	\$ 3,727,996.59	\$ 3,836,915.37
WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY SC INC	\$ 1,962,408.06	\$ 2,933,605.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WINDWOOD FARM HOME FOR CHILDREN, INC.	\$ 1,378,914.48	\$ 1,453,607.36	\$ 1,476,277.04	\$ 1,408,268.00	\$ 1,416,316.52
YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERED	\$ 220,550.00	\$ 136,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 27,021,360.79	\$ 25,315,494.60	\$ 20,043,438.27	\$ 20,482,483.74	\$ 24,003,950.32
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2022</i>					
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NOTES: Patient Counts include Fee-for-Service and MCOs. All PRTFs are private, except for the DMH facility, which closed in October 2015.					

Table 3. Public Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Unduplicated Patients by Year

PUBLIC INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - UNDUPLICATED PATIENT COUNT BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2018-2022					
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	*FY2022
Provider Name	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients
WILLIAM J MCCORD ADOLESCEN	91	75	69	76	74
SCDMH (Harris)	2	21	16	16	11
SCDMH (Hall)	291	373	285	197	181
SCDMH (Bryan)	6	10	10	10	8
Total Unique Patients	387	470	378	298	272
Total Patient Visits	390	479	380	299	274
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2022</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Members</i>					

Table 4. Public Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Claims by Incurred Year

PUBLIC INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - CLAIMS PAID BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2018-2022					
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	*FY2022
Provider Name	Amount Paid				
WILLIAM J MCCORD ADOLESCEN	\$ 1,595,701.33	\$ 1,282,915.87	\$ 1,094,046.54	\$ 1,065,609.42	\$ 1,037,577.96
SCDMH (Harris)	\$ 44,132.40	\$ 2,530,817.46	\$ 2,275,257.05	\$ 2,458,440.60	\$ 1,356,158.45
SCDMH (Hall)	\$ 4,730,147.48	\$ 5,181,419.54	\$ 3,054,085.02	\$ 2,454,551.28	\$ 1,739,693.98
SCDMH (Bryan)	\$ 191,671.41	\$ 399,199.23	\$ 232,213.29	\$ 799,215.28	\$ 520,185.36
Totals	\$ 6,561,652.62	\$ 9,394,352.10	\$ 6,655,601.90	\$ 6,777,816.58	\$ 4,653,615.75
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2022</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments</i>					

Table 5. Private Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Unduplicated Patients by Year

PRIVATE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - UNDUPLICATED PATIENT COUNT BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2018-2022					
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	*FY2022
Provider Name	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients
PALMETTO LOWCOUNTRY BEHAVI	654	587	844	909	799
THE CAROLINA CENTER FOR BE	179	237	770	946	1,152
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL HE	434	937	1,262	1,463	1,199
REBOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	71	107	265	527	802
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	39	72	82	60	40
Total Unique Patients	1,303	1,798	2,980	3,565	3,694
Total Patient Visits	1,514	1,940	3,223	3,905	3,992
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2022</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Members</i>					

Table 6. Private Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Claims by Incurred Year

PRIVATE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - CLAIMS PAID BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2018-2022					
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	*FY2022
Provider Name	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid
PALMETTO LOWCOUNTRY BEHAVI	\$ 2,227,474.53	\$ 1,944,899.25	\$ 3,303,708.61	\$ 3,229,477.27	\$ 2,872,330.69
THE CAROLINA CENTER FOR BE	\$ 650,126.54	\$ 841,288.72	\$ 3,592,135.17	\$ 4,660,794.96	\$ 5,199,913.19
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL HE	\$ 1,867,310.91	\$ 3,974,989.31	\$ 5,982,278.69	\$ 6,486,294.15	\$ 5,219,840.26
REBOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$ 270,084.41	\$ 482,680.40	\$ 1,224,896.91	\$ 2,373,458.85	\$ 3,555,105.27
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	\$ 1,170,597.19	\$ 1,484,404.11	\$ 1,690,616.75	\$ 1,279,618.50	\$ 971,808.74
Totals	\$ 6,185,593.58	\$ 8,728,261.79	\$ 15,793,636.13	\$ 18,029,643.73	\$ 17,818,998.15
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2022</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments</i>					

Treatment Trends

SCDHHS added PRTF and acute psychiatric inpatient services to its managed care benefit on July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2019 respectively. The addition of both services to managed care completed the transition of the entire complement of behavioral health services being available to managed care members. This resulted in increased care management and coordination. SCDHHS continues to provide fee-for-service oversight of PRTFs and acute inpatient services via its “Inpatient Outcomes Initiative” (IOI). IOI began in 2016 and involves a SCDHHS staff person attending monthly treatment team meetings for members with the longest stays in each PRTF. On the acute inpatient side, IOI provides oversight regarding quality assurance reviews.

There is a need for continued collaboration by SCDHHS and the managed care organizations (MCOs) with the PRTFs to ensure children and youth receive care in the least restrictive environment that increases positive treatment outcomes, ensures access to PRTFs for children in need and properly stewards taxpayer funds.